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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
FY 2005**

(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)

Application Number	09/727,046-Conf. #2977	Filed	November 30, 2000
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For COMMUNICATION CONNECTION MERGE METHOD AND NODE TO BE USED THEREFOR

Art Unit	2662	Examiner	A. V. Nguyen
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	Fee	Small Entity Fee	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	\$ 450.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2215. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the applicant/inventor.
 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
 attorney or agent of record. Registration Number _____
 attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 41,135

Richard LaCava
Signature

February 1, 2005

Date

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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